

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 414
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate the American Lung Association
of Tennessee's 2003 Women of Distinction.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to pause in their deliberations to salute those citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, on May 7th, 2003, the American Lung Association of Tennessee, in conjunction with Proffitt's, will present the 18th Annual Woman of Distinction Awards; and

WHEREAS, a long-standing Chattanooga tradition, the Woman of Distinction Awards are granted to women who have distinguished themselves through their professional career accomplishments and their dedication to the community through their numerous and valuable civic and philanthropic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a Woman of Distinction is one who "volunteers her time to help improve the quality of life for others; establishes standards that inspire and encourage other women to achieve their full potential; and provides leadership and influences decisions that shape and define [their] city, state, and nation"; and

WHEREAS, the 2003 Women of Distinction Award recipients are: Margaret Callihan, President and Chief Executive Officer of SunTrust Bank; Suzanne M. Cohn, Community Volunteer; Rona G. Gary, Blue Cross Blue Shield Manager of Communications and Government Programs; Daisy Madison, Deputy Finance Manager/City Treasurer for the City of Chattanooga; Linda H. McReynolds, Executive Director of Signal Centers; Jean C. Payne, Director of Volunteer Services for Memorial Health Care; Dr. Jeanne A. Scanland, Plastic Surgeon; Jacqueline E. Schulten, Attorney and Judge in the Hamilton County Circuit Court System; Edna Varner, Educator; and Finette Winer, Community Volunteer; and

WHEREAS, these women epitomize the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean and take their place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like these women who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend these women on being named the 2003 Women of Distinction by the American Lung Association of Tennessee, recognize their outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, and community spirit, and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success and much happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.